

## 2008 LICENSE APPLICATION STEPS

### Step 1: MANDATORY INFORMATION

- **All information in box 1 must be filled in and complete.**
- Applications must be on a current year, department approved form. Photocopied applications with original signatures are acceptable.
- No powers-of-attorney will be accepted.
- Applications for individuals born after January 1, 1985 **must attach** a copy of the certificate verifying he/she has completed a course in the safe handling of firearms from any state or province.
- Applications in error will not be processed.
- Please read the enclosed refund policy carefully. Full refunds (100%) to successful license holders are granted only in the case of death. There is a penalty for all other refunds. (See the enclosed refund policy for further details)
- Duplicate applications will result in removal of both applications from the drawing.

### Step 2: CHOOSE A LICENSE

- **Choose only one license type. ( Please note; Licenses are non-transferable.**
- The hunter access enhancement, state lands (hunting, fishing and trapping) and search and rescue fees, drawing fees, where applicable, have been included in the price on the application for the nonresident combination licenses.
- **General Nonresident Combination Licenses:** These licenses are issued through a random drawing and do not require a Sponsor.
- **Outfitter Sponsored Licenses:** Certification by an Outfitter is required to qualify for the Outfitter sponsored combination licenses. The certifying Outfitter must be currently licensed by the Montana Board of Outfitters in order to obtain a certificate. Outfitters must direct the hunting activities of the applicant, inform the hunter of Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks hunting laws, and provide hunting only on land within the Outfitters' operation plan. Outfitters Certificate must accompany Outfitter sponsored applications. **BIG GAME HUNTING AUTHORIZED THROUGH THESE LICENSES CANNOT BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT A LICENSED OUTFITTER.** (Licenses will be sent to your Sponsoring Outfitter.)
- **Landowner Sponsored Licenses:** Landowner sponsors must be residents of the State of Montana registered with FWP. The Landowner must direct the hunting activities of the applicant, inform the hunter of Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks hunting laws, and provide hunting only on deeded land owned by sponsoring landowner. Landowner Certificate must accompany landowner sponsored applications. **DEER HUNTING AUTHORIZED THROUGH THESE LICENSES CANNOT BE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE DEEDED LAND OWNED BY THE SPONSORING LANDOWNER.** (Any additional Deer B licenses purchased, must be used only on the deeded land).
- **Bonus point system** – applicants may choose to participate in the Bonus Point system if applying for one of the “General Combination Licenses” (Bonus Points do not apply to Sponsored licenses) Please check the appropriate box and if you wish to participate include the \$20 nonrefundable fee along with your license fee. If you elect to participate and are unsuccessful, you'll receive a bonus point, which equates to an additional “chance” when you apply in next year's drawing. (2 chances next year, 3 chances the third year, etc.) See additional information on bonus point system on back.

**ARCHERY HUNTERS:** If you're successful in drawing one of these licenses, you'll need to purchase a Bow & Arrow license (\$10) to hunt in the archery only season. Any nonresident who is born on or after January 1, 1985 must present a certificate from an IBEP Bow Hunter Education Course, in addition to a state-approved hunter education course. First-time adult bow hunters must present a certificate from the IBEP course. Veteran bow hunters must present a previous year's bow hunting license, tag, or permit that allowed them to bow hunt in any prior year from any state or province. Please be prepared to show this proof at the time you purchase a Bow & Arrow license.

### Step 3: APPLY AS A PARTY

- **If applying as a Party, check the box and list ALL the party members.**
- **PARTY APPLICATIONS** up to 5 individuals will be accepted. Mail in party applications must be sent in the same envelope & each party member must complete & sign his/her own application. Parties must apply for the same category of license except that parties with a mixture of General Big Game and General Elk applications will be acceptable. If the party rules are not followed, the applications will be processed WITHOUT party status. **APPLICATIONS IN ERROR WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PARTY AND REMAINING ONES PROCESSED AS A PARTY.** NOTE: Parties are not eligible for one phase of the landowner-sponsored deer issuing process. Please refer to the enclosed Annual Rule under “Procedures for Sale of Landowner-Sponsored Deer Combination Licenses” for the details. Bonus point participation must be the same for all members of the party; please see items 6 and 7 under “BONUS POINT SYSTEM”. **APPLYING AS A PARTY DOES NOT ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF LICENSES, EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THE PARTY MUST HARVEST THEIR OWN GAME.**
- In a drawing, single individuals or entire parties each have one chance to be drawn.

**The procedures for the issuance of nonresident combination licenses are outlined in the enclosed Annual Rule.**

**Big Game season dates for 2008 will be set at the February 21, 2008 FWP Commission meeting and the dates will be posted on our website (fwp.mt.gov) after the meeting.**